

Marion County Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in October	Descriptor Term: Community Use of School Facilities	Descriptor Code: 3.206	Issued Date: 05/20/03
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1 When not in use for school purposes, school buildings and grounds or portions thereof may be used for
 2 public, governmental, charitable, civic, recreational, cultural, and other purposes as approved by the
 3 Board.^{1,2,3}

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- 5 1. Requests for the use of school facilities shall be made at the office of the principal prior to the date
- 6 of use;
- 7 2. Student clubs and activities, parent-teacher associations, and other organizations affiliated with the
- 8 schools shall be permitted use of school facilities without charge, however, when "money programs"
- 9 are conducted, i.e., suppers, festivals, custodian fees are paid by the parent teacher organizations;
- 10 3. School facilities may not be used for private profit, except that unused facilities may be leased for
- 11 private day-care centers which provide educational and child care services to the community;²
- 12 4. All activities must be under adult supervision and approved by the building principal. In all cases,
- 13 an assigned school employee will be present. The group using the facilities will be responsible for
- 14 any damage to the building or equipment;
- 15 5. Groups receiving permission for building use are restricted to the dates and hours approved and to
- 16 the building area and facilities specified, unless requested changes are approved by the principal;
- 17 6. Groups receiving permission for building use are responsible for the observance of all fire and safety
- 18 regulations at all times;
- 19 7. The use of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, drugs, profane language, or gambling in any form is not
- 20 permitted in school buildings;
- 21 8. The Board will cooperate with recognized agencies, such as the Red Cross, National Guard and Civil
- 22 Defense, and will make suitable facilities available without charge during community emergencies;
- 23 9. When school kitchens are used, at least one member of the cafeteria staff must be present to supervise
- 24 the use of the equipment;
- 25 10. The Board will approve and periodically review a fee schedule for the use of school facilities by
- 26 community or civic organizations and other non-profit, recreational, religious, political or philosophi-
- 27 cal groups.
- 28 11. Programs of an entertainment nature outside school hours must be carefully screened by the principal.
- 29 12. Any organization or agency which misuses the school facilities will be barred from further use of
- 30 the facilities.
- 31 13. City Recreation Programs may use certain playground and gymnasium facilities at no cost; however,
- 32 if the stadium or gymnasium is involved, the sponsoring organization shall pay the utilities.
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 36 Legal References:

- 37 1. TCA 49-50-201
- 38 2. TCA 49-2-203(b)(4)
- 39 3. *Lamb's Chapel v. Center Moriches Union Free School District*,
 40 113 S. Ct. 2141 (1993)
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 Cross References:

- Tobacco-Free Schools 1.803
 Care of School Property 6.311